

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated:

1. (Currently Amended) An ~~[[A]]~~aiming device ~~[[(100)]]~~ for drilling a hole in ~~[[that]]~~ a region of a bone ~~[[(300)]]~~ which is in the vicinity of a joint, ~~consisting of comprising~~; a U-shaped bow ~~[[(110)]]~~ having at least one contact element ~~[[(120)]]~~ at ~~[[one]]~~ a first end of the bow ~~[[(110)]]~~ and, ~~at the other a second~~ end of the bow ~~[[(110)]]~~ a screw spindle ~~[[(130)]]~~ movable towards and away from the contact element ~~(120)~~ or in the opposite direction and having a rotary grip ~~[[(132)]]~~, for clamping the device ~~[[(100)]]~~ to the region of the bone in the vicinity of the joint, and a drill bushing ~~[[(140)]]~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the drill bushing ~~[[(140)]]~~ can be removably inserted arranged at that end with through the contact element ~~(120)~~ and can be removed, ~~[[the]]~~ a bone compression produced by ~~means of~~ the bow ~~[[(110)]]~~ persisting after removal of the drill bushing ~~[[(140)]]~~ for insertion of ~~[[the]]~~ a bone screw.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~aiming device according to claim 1, wherein ~~(100)~~ for drilling a hole in that region of a bone ~~(300)~~ which is in the vicinity of a joint, consisting of a U-shaped bow ~~(110)~~ having at least one contact element ~~(120)~~ at one end of the bow ~~(110)~~ and, at the other end of the bow ~~(110)~~ a screw spindle ~~(130)~~ movable towards the contact element ~~(120)~~ or in the opposite direction and having a rotary grip ~~(132)~~; for clamping the device ~~(100)~~ to the region in the vicinity of the joint, and a drill bush ~~(140)~~, characterized in that the drill bush ~~(140)~~ can be arranged on that end with the contact element ~~(120)~~ and can be removed so that, during use, the compression of the bone ~~(300)~~ which is produced by means of the screw spindle ~~(130)~~ persists after removal of the drill bush ~~(140)~~ for inserting the bone screw ~~[[(510)]]~~ is configured for insertion between the contact element ~~[[(120)]]~~ and a target bone plate ~~[[(200)]]~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[D]]~~device according to either of claim~~[[s]]~~ 1 and 2, characterized in that wherein the contact element is designed as a rotationally movable adaptor bushing ~~[[(120)]]~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[D]]~~device according to either of the preceding Claims claim 3, characterized in that wherein the adaptor bushing ~~[[(120)]]~~ can be caused to form a plug connection with a target plate ~~[[(120)]]~~ which can be screwed onto an implant ~~[[(410)]]~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[D]]~~ device according to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 4, characterized in that wherein the drill bushing ~~[[(140)]]~~ can be guided through the adaptor bushing ~~[[(120)]]~~ and can be caused to engage the implant ~~[[(410)]]~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[D]]~~ device according to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 5, characterized in that wherein a scale ~~[[(133)]]~~ for determining the length of a bone screw ~~[[(510)]]~~ to be inserted into the hole is mounted on the screw spindle ~~[[(130)]]~~ or on an element firmly connected to or engaging said screw spindle.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[D]]~~ device according to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 6, characterized in that ~~that~~ wherein ~~an~~ end of the screw spindle ~~[[(130)]]~~ which faces the contact element ~~[[(120)]]~~ has a rotationally movably mounted, preferably changeable ~~[[,]]~~ pin ~~[[(131)]]~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[D]]~~ device according to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein the rotary grip is in the form of a nut ~~[[(132)]]~~ mounted on the screw spindle ~~[[(130)]]~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[D]]~~ device according to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 8, characterized in that wherein the nut ~~[[(132)]]~~ is mounted in a recess of the bow ~~[[(110)]]~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[D]]~~ device according to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein the bow ~~[[(110)]]~~ is in the form of a lattice structure or has various cut-outs ~~[[(112)]]~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[M]]~~ method for inserting angle-stable, long screws in the articular region of a bone, characterized in that comprising the steps of: ~~before the operation; screwing a target plate is screwed to a lateral implant (bone plate) prior to performing a target procedure, the target plate with the~~ and lateral implant ~~[[is]]~~ being mounted on an adaptor bushing of ~~[[the]]~~ an aiming device by means of a plug connection ~~[[,]]~~; inserting a drill bushing is then inserted into an orifice [[in]] of a cylindrical guide, wherein ~~[[and]]~~ the drill bushing, on passing through the adaptor bushing and the target plate, comes into contact with a complementary internal thread in a bore of the lateral implant, whereupon everything is the target plate and lateral implant are placed together on ~~[[the]]~~ a fragmented portion of the bone and clamped by a screw spindle of

the aiming device and fixed through the implant by means of a proximal bone screw, so that the point of emergence of the distal, angle-stable screws can be determined prior to drilling after everything has the target plate and lateral implant have been correctly aligned, drilling can be effected through the integrated drill bushing, it being possible directly to determine the length of the screw to be used and hence the depth of the hole to be drilled, in particular on the basis of a scale mounted on the screw spindle[.]; and thereafter removing the drill bushing is removed; and inserting the distal bone screw can be inserted while maintaining the compression of the bone.

12. (Currently Amended) The [M]method according to claim 11, wherein the for inserting angle-stable, long screws in the articular region of a bone using an aiming device [(199)] comprises[ing] a U-shaped bow (110), comprising with a contact element [(120)] on one end of the bow and a screw spindle [(130)] on the other end of the bow [(110)] and a removable drill bushing [(140)] in the contact element [(120)], in particular according to any of the preceding Claims, characterized in that wherein, when the bow [(110)] is positioned on the bone, compression is produced by means of the screw spindle [(130)] against the contact element, a bone bore is then produced while maintaining compression through the drill bushing [(140)] and the drill bushing [(140)] is then removed, the compression between screw spindle [(130)] and contact element [(120)] persisting, after which a bone screw is screwed into the bone while maintaining the compression.

13. (Currently Amended) The [M]method according to claim 11, characterized in that wherein the bow [(110)] [or] and the contact element (120) is are mounted after prior positioning of [an] the lateral implant, so that the lateral implant is kept pressed against the bone by the compression, the lateral implant [then] remaining fixed on the bone by the bone screw.

14. (Currently Amended) Set, in particular for carrying out the method according to claims 10 to 12, characterized by A kit for assembling a device for inserting angle-stable long screws in the articular region of a bone, comprising: a U-shaped bow [(110)] having a contact element at a first end and an adjustable screw spindle [(130)] at a second end, a target bone plate [(200)] which can be connected thereto to the U-shaped bow, a drill bushing capable of being inserted through the contact element [(140)] and an implant [(410)] which can be temporarily fixed to the target bone plate (200) by means of the drill bush (140).

15. (Currently Amended) The kit of claim 14, wherein the target bone plate is capable of being attached to the implant by a threaded connection with the drill bushing set, according to claim 13, characterized in that the temporary fixing of the target plate (200) to the implant (410) is effected by means of the drill bush (140) via a thread connection.